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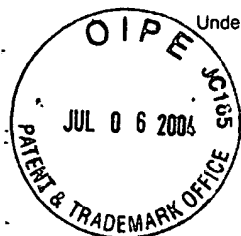
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| <p align="center"><b>REQUEST<br/>FOR<br/>CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)<br/>TRANSMITTAL</b></p> <p align="center"><small>Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,<br/>provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application<br/>filed on or after June 8, 1995.</small></p> | Application Number   | 09/691,277       |
|   | Filing Date          | October 17, 2000 |
|   | First Named Inventor | Syne Mitchell    |
|   | Group Art Unit       | 2155             |
|   | Examiner Name        | David Lazaro     |
|   | Attorney Docket No.  | MICR0194         |

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See *Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice*, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

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## 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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a. ☐ Previously submitted

i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on Technology Center 2100  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## b. Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Request for Extension of Time

Applicant respectfully requests that the shortened statutory period for response to the \_\_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\_, set to expire on \_\_\_\_\_, be extended by \_\_\_\_\_ month(s) to expire on \_\_\_\_\_. The \$\_\_\_\_\_ fee is enclosed herewith in the check noted below.

## 4. Claim Status (IF NO AMENDMENT IS SUBMITTED WITH RCE, DELETE THIS ENTIRE ITEM#4 WITH THE CLAIM COMPUTATION TABLE)

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| Computation of Fee For Claims as Amended |  |                                       |               |        |                   |
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|  | Claims Remaining<br>after Preliminary<br>Amendment<br>Submitted Herewith | Highest Number<br>Previously Paid For | Present Extra | Rate   | Additional<br>Fee |
| Total Claims                             | 24   | 24                                    | -0-           | x \$18 | \$-0-             |
| Independent Claims                       | 6  | 6                                     | -0-           | x \$86 | -0-               |
| ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE                     |  |                                       |               |        | \$ 0              |
| RCE FILING FEE                           |  |                                       |               |        | \$ 770            |
| EXTENSION OF TIME FEE                    |  |                                       |               |        | \$ 0              |
| TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT  |  |                                       |               |        | \$ <u>770</u>     |

5. Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 01-1940.

- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 CFR § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☒ Any additional required fees
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☒ Check No. 7529 in the amount of \$770 is enclosed, which includes the \$770 large entity RCE filing fee.

c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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Signature

Date: July 6, 2004

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